

Join Us for the Eau Claire Deanery's 8th Annual

Corpus Christi Procession

On June 23, 2019

Schedule of Events

- 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church (418 North Dewey Street) in Eau Claire, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Noon: Procession begins at Sacred Heart Church. Readings, prayers and benediction will be at each of these four altars: The first and fourth altars will be in Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's Churches, respectively. The second altar will be located along the river path between Barstow and North Farwell Streets (before the tunnel). The third altar will be along the path at the corner of First Avenue and Fulton Street at the end of the foot bridge.
- If you don't wish to walk the entire distance, you may meet the procession at any or all of the altars.
- A shuttle will be available en route and to return you to your vehicles following the procession.
- Bring friends, family, neighbors, children, strollers, wagons, water and sunscreen.



COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

Refreshments and a light luncheon will be provided in Sacred Heart-St. Patrick's Parish Center following the final Benediction.

Contact Michelle Bowe at Sacred Heart of Jesus – St. Patrick's Parish: michelle@shspec.org or 715.835.2693 for more information or if you would like to assist with the procession.

What a great opportunity to put your faith into action by walking with Our Lord as a witness to His True Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Processing through the community with the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a venerable Roman Catholic tradition. A procession is an outward demonstration of our Catholic faith and belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Christ, under the appearance of the Consecrated Host.

The Corpus Christi Procession: a Catholic Tradition

The Feast of Corpus Christi was introduced in the late 13th century to honor Our Lord's institution of the Holy Eucharist. It is believed that Corpus Christi processions date back to the 14th century. They are still held on the Feast of Corpus Christi throughout the world, often with the regal splendor and rich traditions of years past.

The procession is made up of clergy, Catholic groups and organizations, and lay people and their families. Children in First Communion dress traditionally strew flower petals in front of the transported Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is held in a processional monstrance carried by a priest or bishop. The monstrance itself is protected by a decorated canopy.

In his Apostolic Letter, *Mane nobiscum Domine*, Pope John Paul II urged all Catholics to participate in Corpus Christi processions as a public profession of their faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament.

We hope to see all who are able to show their support for the community, and most especially for our Blessed Lord.

Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish hosts the 8th Annual Corpus Christi Procession

The 1.16 mile procession path begins at Sacred Heart Church, goes down Division Street, turns right and goes down the Madison Street Hill, crosses Farwell then turns left onto Farwell until it reaches the bike trail on the river front. It follows the river path, which will cross the foot bridge towards St. Patrick's Church.

